(f) the action taken so far in pursuance of the verdict of the Supreme Court; and

(g) the scheme of the Government to provide pollution-free raw-water to Agra Water Authority in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The Agra Water Works takes water from the Yamuna and supplies it to the city after treatment. The water supplied has been found at times to be not meeting the required standards and this can affect the human health.

(d) to (g). The Union Government has not received any direction from the Supreme Court. Government has initiated the formulation of an Action Plan for cleaning the River Yamuna.

Special Assistance to Bihar

6278. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide special assistance to Bihar to check water pollution in the state; and

(b) if so, when and the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). There are an on-going programmes of the Government to help check water pollution in all the States, including Bihar, These are:

i) Fiscal incentives are provided and loan facilities made available for installation of pollution control equipment;

ii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants;

iii) The Ganga Action Plan is implementing major water pollution control schemes on the Ganga in Bihar. So far 45 schemes worth Rs. 43 crores approximately have been sanctioned in Bihar, some of which are still in progress.

[*English*]

Acid Pollution in Northern Kashmir

6279.SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee headed by Dr. M.A. Kawosa, Director of Environment and Remote Sensing, was set up recently to study acid pollution in northern Kashmir caused by the burning of oil wells in Kuwait during and after the Gulf war;

(b) if so, the major findings and recommendations of the committee, and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such expert committee was set up by the Government. However, Dr. M.A. Kawosa, Director of the Department of Environment and Remote Sensing of Jammu & Kashmir, along with a few others, conducted a preliminary study in April, 1991 on the reported occurrence of black snow in northern Kashmir.

(b) Major findings of this study are that plumes of acid pollution from the burning oil

wells of Kuwait travelled into the valley of Kashmir and precipitated as black snow in Gund area in the north-western hills of Kashmir and this could lead to disastrous environmental consequences by way of death to forest, poisoning of soil and water, microclimatic changes, and outbreak of diseases and epidemics. The major recommendations made are that a disaster management group may be formed to monitor the crisis and recommend measures to be taken and the State Government should prepare details of the expenses likely to be incurred on abating the effects of the pollution.

(c) The report of Dr. Kawosa has been examined. Analysis of samples collected from some of the affected areas could not establish any specific cause for this occurrence. This occurrence, being an isolated and one-time phenomenon, would not have any adverse effect on the climate and ecology of the region.

[*Translation*]

Amount Spent to Encourage Sport

6281. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent to encourage sports during last five years;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any plan to promote sports in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) An amount of Rs. 285.06 crores (Plan and Non-Plan) was spent to encourage sports during the years 1986-87 to 1989-90. During 1990-91 provision of Rs. 58.77 crores was made in Revised Estimates.

(b) and (c). The Schemes of Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of Non-consumable Sports Equipments and Development of Playgrounds and Rural Sports Tournaments are exclusively for the rural area. Special Area Games Scheme of Sports Authority of India benefits those who are overwhelmingly from rural area. All other Schemes of the Department and of Sports Authority of India benefit both rural and urban areas.

[*English*]

Scheduled Tribes are Residing in Union Territory of Delhi

6282.SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several lakh members of the Scheduled Tribes from Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, have been residing in Union Territory of Delhi for the past so many years;

(b) whether the Government are aware that they have been enumerated in general category in the 1991 census;

(c) whether a member of Scheduled Tribes migrating or settling down in other Areas/States cease to be a Scheduled Tribe; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of the such Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d). According to the provisions of Article 341 and 342 of the